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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luc VARIN, et al.

Application No.: 10/019,931

Filed: May 10, 2002

Examiner: Stuart F. Baum

Group Art Unit 1638

Date: July 28, 2004

For: METHOD, COMPOSITIONS AND GENETIC SEQUENCES FOR
MODULATING FLOWERING PLANTS, AND PLANTS GENETICALLY
MODIFIED TO FLOWER EARLY AND TARDILY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT,
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Please extend the time for responding to the Restriction Requirement dated May 28, 2004 by one month, from June 28, 2004, to July 28, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$55.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 28, 2004, please amend the application as shown below: